

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 386
By Haynes

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach David Martin and the 1995 Goodpasture Christian School football team on winning the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class 2-A state championship.

WHEREAS, the state of Tennessee takes tremendous pride in the stellar accomplishments of those teams which work hard and reach the ultimate in high school athletics and win a state championship; and

WHEREAS, the 1995 Goodpasture Christian School football team, despite being overlooked at the start of the season, has demonstrated exceptional poise, exemplary determination and rare skill, winning the coveted Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class 2-A state title; and

WHEREAS, during their memorable regular season, Goodpasture beat Harpeth 27-0, Gatlinburg-Pittman 55-12, Davidson 28-0, Stewart County 42-0, Marshall County 28-0, Houston County 49-7, Franklin Road Academy 30-14 and David Lipscomb 11-0; and

WHEREAS, the victory over David Lipscomb stopped Lipscomb's 24-game winning streak and earned Goodpasture the Region 5 2-A championship; and

WHEREAS, in the playoffs the Cougars soundly defeated the Richland Raiders in a 45-0 battle, stopped the Martin Westview Chargers in their tracks 21-13, caged the Lewis County Panthers 17-14 and corralled the revenge-seeking David Lipscomb Mustangs 24-0; and

WHEREAS, in the Class AA Clinic Bowl, held at Dudley Field on the Vanderbilt University campus, Goodpasture faced a Herculean task, defeating a Meigs County team that had been ranked the best in the state since the pre-season poll; and

WHEREAS, after an early first quarter score by the Tigers, Goodpasture took control of the game and won a convincing 30-13 victory; and

WHEREAS, this was their first state championship; and

WHEREAS, their overall record was an excellent 13-2, a fine winning percentage of .870; and

WHEREAS, the Cougars' powerful offense averaged more than 30 points per game, while their stingy defense shut out seven opponents and gave up only 7 points per contest; and

WHEREAS, their highly regarded **Head Coach David Martin** was the consensus state Coach of the Year, being so recognized by the Tennessee Sports Writers, the Nashville Banner, the Tennessean and the Civitan; and

WHEREAS, Coach Martin was fortunate to have a very capable staff: **Assistant Coach Scott Ballard, Assistant Coach Ted Bloodworth, Assistant Coach Van Hollaway, Assistant Coach Andy McWilliams** and **Assistant Coach Lee Phillips**; and

WHEREAS, the team leaders included: junior **Maurice Haynes**, who was honored as Clinic Bowl Most Valuable Offensive Player, Tennessee Sports Writers All-State, All-Region 5 2-A, *Tennessean* All-Midstate and *Nashville Banner* All-Metro; senior **Justin Fontenot**, a Clinic Bowl Most Valuable Defensive Player, Tennessee Sports Writers All-State, Associated Press All-State, Region 5 2-A Most Valuable Player, *Tennessean* All-Midstate Defensive Player of the Year and *Nashville Banner* All-Metro selection; senior **Rob Greer**, a

Tennessee Sports Writers All-State, Associated Press All-State, All-Region 5 2-A, *Tennessean* All-Midstate and *Nashville Banner* second team All-Metro honoree; senior **Justin Webb**, a Tennessee Sports Writers All-State, Honorable Mention Associated Press All-State, All-Region 5 2-A, *Tennessean* All-Midstate and *Nashville Banner* second team All-Metro choice; junior **Eric Fontenot**, an Associated Press All-State, All-Region 5 2-A, *Tennessean* All-Midstate and *Nashville Banner* All-Metro honoree; senior **Ryan Smith**, who was chosen Honorable Mention Associated Press All-State, All-Region 5 2-A, *Tennessean* All-Midstate and Honorable Mention *Nashville Banner* All-Metro; senior **Dennis Phillips**, an Honorable Mention Associated Press All-State, All-Region 5 2-A, second team *Tennessean* All-Midstate and second team *Nashville Banner* All-Metro honoree; and sophomore **Justin Purkey**, Honorable Mention Associated Press All-State selection; and

WHEREAS, other honorees included: senior **Andy Cline**, an Honorable Mention All-Region 5 2-A and Honorable Mention *Nashville Banner* All-Metro honoree; junior **Aaron Gift**, an Honorable Mention All-Region 5 2-A and Honorable Mention *Nashville Banner* All-Metro selection; junior **Joe Reed**, an Honorable Mention All-Region 5 2-A and Honorable Mention *Nashville Banner* All-Metro honoree; senior **Kelly Street**, an Honorable Mention All-Region 5 2-A and Honorable Mention *Nashville Banner* All-Metro selection; junior **Chauncey Shutters**, a second team *Tennessean* All-Midstate and Second team *Nashville Banner* All-Metro honoree; and senior **Justin Lowe**, who received the Civitan Sportsmanship Award; and

WHEREAS, other team members include: seniors **Eric King, Ross Taylor, McLean Fowler**, and **Donnie Meador**; juniors **Alan Gay, Phil Anthony, Philip Ezell, James Churchman, Jake Anglin, Jeremy Gill, Bobby Wilson, Matt Moore**, and **Brandon O'Neal**; sophomores **Chris Edwards, Kyle Pitt, Zack Self, Seppie Ginsberg, Philip Hutson, Lee Miller, Adam Eckhardt, Allen Crowder, Adam Sanderson**, and **Joshua Morrison**; freshmen **Marc Purkey, Ryan Flatt, Kyle Patterson, Drew Harper, G. T. McMahon, Christopher**

Harris,

and **Michael Johnson**; and eighth grader **Matt Hart**; each of whom contributed significantly to the success of the team this season; and

WHEREAS, their **Athletic Director Clint Parnell** strongly supported the Cougars; and

WHEREAS, the enthusiastic cheerleaders, under the expert guidance of **sponsor Celeste Martin**, were: **Brittany Powell, Anita Howard, Healther Alteri, Julie West, Lisa Batson, Banica Leggett, Michelle Marshall, Abby Jones, Hope Alteri, Tia Greer, Bethany Anglin** and **Megan Helton**; and

WHEREAS, the **trainer** was **Toby Gray**, the **student trainers** were: **Clint Sanders, Katy Pat Bellar, Julie Jones, Susan Gill** and **Angeline Yi**, and the **managers** were: **Tawanna Perry** and **Ethan Greer**, who each performed their duties to perfection; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we pause in our deliberations to salute the accomplishments of this remarkable team; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coach David Martin and the 1995 Goodpasture Christian School football team on winning the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class 2-A state championship and wish them well in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and to each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copies.